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In re Application of PUMM ET AL.

Application No.: 09/652,770 Filed: August 31, 2000

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed March 13, 2003. Since the time for responding to the Office action has expired, the application is technically abandoned. Accordingly, petitioner's request is being treated as a petition to review the holding of abandonment.

The petition is granted

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response with a certificate of mailing dated October 8, 2002. Petitioner has also submitted a statement attesting to the timely mailing as required by 37 CFR 1.8(b).

In view of the above, the application is not abandoned in fact because the applicant filed a timely response to the September 10, 2002 Office action.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

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